

FCC QUARTERLY REPORT
KAAL ISSUES AND PROGRAMS LIST
First Quarter 2001 January 1 - March 31, 2001
KAAL-TV AUSTIN, MINNESOTA

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See attached documentation in each category.

The last section of this 1st Quarter 2000 FCC Report includes Children's Television Act Certification; Time Compliance & Commercial Time Records.

A copy of the FCC 398 Children's Television Programming Report and Proof of Electronic Filing Submission is also included.

REGION 6 NEWS

NOTE: The majority of news segments listed our Quarterly Report includes represent locally produced stories. Those taken from state or national sources are included because they represent issues of significant interest and/or concern to Region 6 viewers.

KAAL TV, Monday through Friday newscasts air as follows:

6:00 - 7:00	AM	Good Morning Region 6
6:00 - 6:30	PM	Region 6 News
10:00 - 10:30	PM	Region 6 News

Saturday and Sunday Region 6 News has one newscast, 10:00 - 10:30 PM

Station KAAL TV

The following is a list of community problems and/or areas of concern and focus and a representative sampling of public affairs programming and news reports responsive to these topics from January 1st through March 31st, 2001.

AGRICULTURE

The KAAL viewing area has a large concentration of farmers and agriculture related businesses, so rural and agricultural issues are a primary concern. The fact that we live within an agricultural based economy means the impact of rural issues is felt throughout the viewing area whether or not people work in an ag related business or live in rural areas. See attached documentation.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 01/03/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:55

Issue Addressed: Agriculture **Reporter:** Theresa

Description: Former Congressman Tim Penny was a main speaker at the 43rd Annual Corn & Soybean Clinic Program in Albert Lea. He provided an update on possible Congressional action on farm policy during this session. He discussed ways to build a better safety net including crop insurance and developing a risk management program.

Title: Good Morning Region 6 **Date:** 01/10/01 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 1:20

Issue Addressed: Agriculture **Reporter:** Nicole Zimmerman

Description: Fertilizer is an important part of the corn growing process and a shortage could have some serious consequences. With the high price of natural gas, less anhydrous ammonia is being made which means less fertilizer for farmers. Options were discussed with St. Ansgar farmer - Larry Kofoot and Iowa Extension Agent Neil Wubben.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 01/17/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:35

Issue Addressed: Agriculture **Reporter:** Nicole Zimmerman

Description: A Farm Management & Research Seminar by Univ. of MN Extension Service was held in Kasson. It gave farmers with the latest results from the Research Center in Waseca on corn and soybean production. Interviews with Kasson farmer, Brian Herbst and Extension Educator, Bruce Schwartz.

Title: Good Morning Region 6 **Date:** 01/19/01 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 1:30

Issue Addressed: Agriculture **Reporter:** Theresa Ebreo

Description: Nearly 100 farmers attended the Annual Corn and Soybean Clinic in Northwood, IA. John Holmes, IA State University Extension Crop specialist talked about nitrogen management and ways to control corn root worms. There was also a program for about Women's Health and Rehabilitative Services.

Title: Region 6 News - Weekend Report **Date:** 01/27/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 1:40

Issue Addressed: Agriculture **Reporter:** John Anderson

Description: The MN Agricultural Alliance held its first get-together in Rochester. They had 3 goals; to get members to join, unite farmers and agri-business people and inform those on farms that they can have a positive impact on changes affecting agriculture in SE MN. Interviews with State Sen. Kenric Scheeval and Commissioner of Agriculture Gene Hugoson.

News stories related to the DM&E Railroad issue:

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 02/16/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:45

Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Nicole Zimmerman

Description: The City of Rochester has requested economic analysis on potential impacts of the DM & E Railroad expansion on the City and surrounding area where a bypass could be laid. Some agree that coal trains are needed but the debate centers on where the tracks should be. People are worried about negative impact for residents, businesses and safeguarding agricultural land..

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 02/20/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 2:00

Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Nicole Zimmerman

Description: Some believe that DM & E Railroad controversy could become Rochester's greatest stalemate. City Council President John Hunziker feels a by-pass would be a compromise to the expansion project. DM & E rep. Kevin Schieffer says that is not an option. Citizens are expressing strong opinions, mostly opposed to DM & E plans.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 02/20/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:00

Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Carrie Vincent

Description: The DM & E Railroad is keenly interested in Austin's I and M rail link. Austin City Council Member Gloria Nordin said she is interested in learning more about benefits of increased train commerce but will not support the project if local money is requested.

Title: Good Morning Region 6 **Date:** 02/22/01 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 1:00

Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Theresa Ebreo

Description: An Environmental Commission is releasing an Impact statement covering everything from toxic chemicals, noise and vibrations to air quality as it relates to the proposed expansion of DM & E Railroad in Rochester. Thomas Moyer, Chair of the Environmental Commission commented on their study which only covers the through-city plan, not the bypass that might be an option.

OTHER BUSINESS/ECONOMY ISSUES

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 01/10/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:30

Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Nicole Zimmerman

Description: Wind farms in Iowa are planning to sell electricity at competitive rates in the future. There's already one Wind Farm operating in Ventura and two more should be churning out electricity in Hancock and Worth Counties by the enter of the year. Steven Dryden, President of Midwest Renewable and part of the Northern IA Wind Power Company was interviewed.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 01/12/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:45

Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Theresa Ebreo

Description: Bonnie Erinson, a self-proclaimed hippie, has opened a new business in Albert Lea called The Doors to Falling Waters Two. It is a retro sixties store which she promotes as a nostalgic place for baby boomers and a groovy hangout for new, young hippies.

Title: Good Morning Region 6 **Date:** 02/14/01 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 1:45
Issue Addressed: Agriculture **Reporter:** Dawn Stevens
Description: Midwest Dairy Association meeting attracted farmers and members to share accomplishments and come up with new ideas for higher dairy consumption. Promotion programs and advertising campaigns were the main topic on meeting agenda. Interviewed Co-chair Lyle Tjosass and farmer, Ev Stransky.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 02/22/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** :50
Issue Addressed: Agriculture **Reporter:** Dan Ruitter
Description: Proposed Reiland Farms expansion of herd of cows from 200 to 500 has been curbed by Fillmore County Judge. He ruled that an environmental impact study was needed due to concerns about 700 million gallon manure tank.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 02/28/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 1:45
Issue Addressed: Agriculture **Reporter:** Lauren Cook
Description: Interview with winner of Future Farmers of America Region 7 Star Farmer Award for Leadership, knowledge and scope of his project and records. His project was sheep raising

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 03/02/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:00
Issue Addressed: Agriculture **Reporter:** Carrie Vincent
Description: Report on the MN All-Dairy Breeds Convention held in Rochester. The Convention featured information booths, socializing and a dairy refreshments bar. Interviewed a father and daughter team about important facets of dairy farming. The convention brings together dairy and beef farmers from around MN.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 03/22/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:30
Issue Addressed: Agriculture **Reporter:** Lauren Cook
Description: Proper management of beef cattle feed lots was discussed at a meeting in Osage in terms of the Iowa DNR's new plan which could save farmers money and unnecessary feedlot inspection by EPA officials.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Business news and development are consistently key areas of interest. Local news reports serve as important information/education for viewers regarding business challenges, transitions, needs and goals that have an impact in this region. Reports on business start-ups, expansion and/or downsizing convey important information about economic conditions.

A current controversial issue regarding an expansion project for the Dakota-Minnesota & Eastern Railroad is generating high profile news. It is being hotly debated by citizen groups, city and county officials and others while under review by the Surface Transportation Board. See attached documentation for related news segments.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 01/17/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:00

Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Dan Rutter

Description: Workers at the Albert Lea Medical Center have authorized a strike because some hospital workers have been without a contract since November of 2000. Sticking points are wages and affordable health care coverage.

Title: Good Morning Region 6 **Date:** 01/23/01 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 1:40

Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** John Bloomberg

Description: Justin Devore, Assistant Director for the Charles City Area Chamber of Commerce talked about the impact the City bypass on the Avenue of the Saints highway. They are working on ways to make coming into their city more appealing to travelers.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 01/24/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 1:30

Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Geoff Davis

Description: The Preston Pro-Corn Ethanol Plant is playing the waiting game to see if and when construction can begin to nearly double the output of the plant. The hope to get the OK to break ground in late July or early August.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 01/30/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** :50

Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Carrie Vincent

Description: The Hormel Food Corporation had good news for shareholders at their Annual Meeting in Austin. President and CEO, Joel Johnson said Hormel will continue to grow its global markets, expand its foodservice share and leverage their advantage in pork and turkey production. Shareholders also got a 37 cent per share increase, up from last year.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 02/06/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:25

Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Geoff Davis

Description: This report focus on the effects of skyrocketing costs of heating fuel for Austin residents. Restaurant and shop owners commented on effects as area citizens look for ways to cut back on spending.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 02/08/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 2:00

Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Lauren Cook

Description: The City of Austin has received at six hundred thousand dollar grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Kermit Mahan, Austin HUD Director was interviewed about how the grant will be used.

Title: Good Morning Region 6 **Date:** 02/27/01 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 1:40

Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** John Bloomberg

Description: Due to serious flooding last spring, insurance agents are encouraging area residents, farmers and business owners to assess their insurance needs and plan ahead.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 03/02/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 2:00

Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Dawn Stevens

Description: Everything is in place for the Murphy Creek Housing project in Austin to begin construction. It will help to fill a growing need for affordable housing. Groundbreaking is scheduled for April 9th.

Title: Good Morning Region 6 **Date:** 03/02/01 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 1:30
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Geoff Davis
Description: Mason City officials are taking a look at possible effects of a 100 million dollar meat packing plant on the city. The Economic Development Committee is preparing a report for the City Council.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 03/08/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:40
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Dawn Stevens
Description: Jeffrey Dahn opened a new business in Austin. As of today, A-B Taxi Service is at your service. He is starting with service hours from 12 noon to 2 AM and eventually hopes to expand to 24 hour service. City Police Chief Paul Phillips hopes it will help to address drunk driving problems.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 03/09/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 2:00
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Lauren Cook
Description: The Austin City Planning Commission voted to move the Primrose Senior Apartment project forward to the City Council after three months of discussion and citizen input. Council Member At Large, Dick Chaffee offered his perspective on this project and housing needs in Austin.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 03/08/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:40
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** John Bloomberg
Description: Workers at the Featherlite Trailer Manufacturing plant in Nasua Iowa got the news in February that the plant would shut down in April due to poor business conditions. Plant workers and Nasua Mayor Deanne Lantow gave their reactions. Featherlite is assisting employees in finding new jobs.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 03/15/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:10
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Nicole Zimmerman
Description: Mothers and More - Rochester Chapter, a nonprofit organization, has presented their first Friendly Business Award to Motherhood Maternity in Apache Mall. The store has created space to accommodate nursing mothers along with offering a child friendly environment.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 03/20/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 1:30
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Dawn Stevens
Description: A deserted building in downtown Spring Valley will become the new Commercial House Apartments. Economic Development Director Mike Bubany explained that the funds are finally here to renovate this building. They already have several applicants for apartments.

Title: Region 6 News **LIVE** **Date:** 03/22/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:15
Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Carrie Vincent
Description: Carrie Vincent did a live report from the Farmland Foods plant in Albert Lea. Today Region 6 learned that Farmland Foods is laying off more than 100 workers as the results of a business plan to make the company more cost effective. She interviewed Personnel Manager Matt Peterson.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

A need has been expressed about importance of community involvement, citizen interaction and participation. Sharing information about celebrations, events and programs is an important to playing a significant role in the communities we serve. Locally produced psas are a way to support the efforts of nonprofit organizations and schools in the viewing area. Local connections give us a unique edge and positive identity in the market. Public appearances by News personalities help build a positive image and reinforce our commitment to regional coverage.

See documentation of Public Appearances by Region 6 News team & management and details on PSA's and news segments that address viewing area issues and concerns.

1st Quarter Locally Produced PSAs in Community Programs category.

Albert Lea High School Drug Awareness - Circle	Length :60 seconds
Albert Lea High School Drug Awareness - Group	Length :60 seconds
Albert Lea High School Drug Awareness - Teen Life	Length :60 seconds
Catholic Schools Auction	Length :15 seconds
Crime Victim's Resource Center	Length :30 seconds
Cultural Diversity - Austin Town Meeting	Length :30 seconds

1st Quarter Public involvement/appearances by Region 6 News Team and Management: January 1 - March 31, 2001

01/10/01	Carrie Vincent, Region 6 News Co-anchor, met with community members WAASO Women's Auxiliary for Austin Symphony Orchestra Luncheon, Austin, MN.
1/17/01	Carrie Vincent, Region 6 News Co-Anchor, was Spelling Bee pronouncer for Neveln Elementary, Austin.
03/09/01	Carrie Vincent, Region 6 News Co-Anchor, volunteered as announcers for the KSMQ Public TV Fund Raising On-Air Auction.
03/23/01	Gary Peterson, News Director, participated in Tri-School Job Fair in Albert Lea for session on Ethics in the Workplace.
03/26/01	Jason Howland, Sports Director, spoke to 5th grade students at Sibley Elementary Middle School in Albert Lea about TV Broadcasting careers.
03/27/01	Jason Howland, Sports Director, spoke to 8 th grade students at Stewartville Middle School Career Day about TV Broadcasting jobs.
03/31/01	Dan Ruiter, Region 6 News Co-Anchor, was MC for American Dairy Association event to crown new Dairy Princess.

Community Issues:

Title: Region 6 News - Weekend Report **Date:** 01/20/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** :50

Issue Addressed: Community **Reporter:** John Bloomberg

Description: The 22nd Annual Lyle Area Cancer Telethon was held tonight at the Lyle Eagles Club. Region 6 Meteorologist Brian Smith was a guest auctioneer. \$6,500 was raised and will go to the Eagles Cancer Telethon in Rochester. All proceeds are towards the cure of cancer.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 01/20/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** :50

Issue Addressed: Community **Reporter:** Theresa Ebreo

Description: Benjamin Payne is a puppy raiser for the Leader Dogs of the Blind. This 14 year old Albert Lea boy hopes to earn his Eagle Scout rank with this project. He will train the German Shepherd for a year before bringing his back to the Leader Dogs of the Blind.

Title: Region 6 News - LIVE **Date:** 02/06/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 2:00

Issue Addressed: Community **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter

Description: The Mower County Chapter of the United Way is celebrating a fund raising victory tonight. This year's campaign exceeded its goal of 625 thousand dollars. Region 6 Co-Anchor Dan Ruiter was a United Way Team leader and reported live from the celebration for this report.

Title: Region 6 News - Weekend Report **Date:** 02/10/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 1:06

Issue Addressed: Community **Reporter:** John Bloomberg

Description: The Rochester A Better Chance nonprofit organization is a mentoring program. They serve minority youths in grades nine through twelve. They strive to enable young people to excel at their highest potential in school and the community while preparing them for college and future leadership opportunities.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 02/15/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** :50

Issue Addressed: Community **Reporter:** Carrie Vincent

Description: Carrie Grunewald, an Austin teen, has been presented with the highest recognition of youth volunteer service in the American Red Cross, the 2001 North Central Woodrow Wilson Regional Award. She serves as a Board member for the Mower County Chapter and has helped with numerous other programs including the Youth Camp and Flood Relief.

Title: Region 6 News - Weekend Report **Date:** 02/17/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** :52

Issue Addressed: Community **Reporter:** John Bloomberg

Description: The small community of Hollandale is working together to raise money for a local family that lost their home and belongings in a fire. A Chili dinner was held in cooperation with the Hollandale Commercial Club and Lutheran Brotherhood Branch 84-62 of Freeborn County.

Title: Good Morning Region 6 **Date:** 02/28/01 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 1:35

Issue Addressed: Business/Economy **Reporter:** Nicole Zimmerman

Description: Interview with Margaret Burton, Regional Coordinator, for Mothers & More, a nonprofit organization that provided support and advocacy on issues relating to motherhood.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 03/06/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:55

Issue Addressed: Community **Reporter:** Theresa Ebreo

Description: An community event in Wells has become controversial. An Annual Gun Show has been held in the school for 41 years and brings up to 6,000 people to Wells. It is a small town without another facility large enough to hold the Gun Show. Shanda Enger and her family moved to Wells from Littleton Colorado, site of the '99 Columbine School shootings and she has confronted school and city officials about holding a Gun Show on school grounds.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 03/06/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:55

Issue Addressed: Community **Reporter:** Nicole Zimmerman

Description: The Channel One Food Bank in Rochester is working on creating higher visibility throughout the area. They serve 14 counties in SE MN. While donations are always welcome, Channel One workers say their biggest challenge has been getting food to the people who need it. They want more people to know how to find out if they eligible to use Channel One services.

Title: Region 6 News - Weekend Report **Date:** 02/17/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** :50

Issue Addressed: Community **Reporter:** John Bloomberg

Description: The 14th Annual Diocesan and Catholic Youth Gathering brought over 700 young people to Austin today. The event was designed to promote and celebrate their faith and meet new people.

Title: Good Morning Region 6 **Date:** 03/26/01 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 1:05

Issue Addressed: Community **Reporter:** John Anderson

Description: The Mayo Clinic held its 5th Annual Community Safety Fair this afternoon at Mayo Civic Center in Rochester. The goal of the event is to teach children and adults the importance of safety outside the home. Event Coordinator Dawn Hanson and Dewey Severson - MN State Patrol were interviewed

CRIME & LAW ENFORCEMENT

This category contains court filings and proceedings covered in municipal, state and federal courts for our region. It also includes reports on crimes and crime prevention programs. Concern has been expressed to make people more aware of crime related problems, prevention, and various support programs. It is important to dispel the myth that "it doesn't happen here" and at the same time to balance information to avoid undue fear and apprehension.

One way KAAL addresses prevention issues is through our weekly feature CRIMESTOPPERS which airs Mondays between 6 - 7 AM and 3 - 4 PM. Each week a member of the City of Austin Police Department or Mower County Sheriff's office presents information/tips on crime prevention, safety, drugs/alcohol or other current issues. CRIMESTOPPERS documentation follows - each segment is two minutes long. See documentation for law enforcement, crime and court related news segments.

CRIMESTOPPERS

1/01/01	Host: Sheriff Barry Simonson	Topic: D.U.I. (Driving Under Influence) - huge costs if arrested - can confiscate car, use designated drivers.
1/08/01	Host: Sheriff Barry Simonson	Topic: Distracted drivers a contributing factor in 50% of car crashes - offers tips to help concentrate on driving.
1/15/01	Host: Deputy Barry Reburn	Topic: House fire safety tips & dangers of unattended candles.
1/22/01	Host: Sheriff Barry Simonson	Topic: Drivers need to be aware of and act responsibly around emergency vehicles.
1/29/01	Host: Sheriff Barry Simonson	Topic: Value of bond developed between DARE officers and kids they teach.
2/05/01	Host: Deputy Barry Reburn	Topic: Traffic violations - attitudes of people when they are stopped and importance of safety belts.
2/12/01	Host: Sheriff Barry Simonson	Topic: MN Sheriff's Assoc. Scholarship program for 2 year Police Academy or 4 year Criminal Justice degree.
2/19/01	Host: Deputy Barry Reburn	Topic: Firearms Training and more info through DNR website.
2/26/01	Host: Sheriff Barry Simonson	Topic: 1 st Annual K-9 Report. Cleo is passive alert drug dog - busy year with 40 arrests.
3/12/01	Host: Deputy Barry Reburn	Topic: Dangers of thin ice.
3/19/01	Host: Deputy Barry Reburn	Topic: DARE Graduation Ceremonies.
3/26/01	Host: Deputy Barry Reburn	Topic: Dumb laws still on the books found on Internet.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 01/25/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 1:30

Issue Addressed: Crime/Law Enforcement **Reporter:** John Anderson

Description: Too many drivers are not giving right of way to emergency vehicles. Mower County Sheriff Barry Simonson and Gold Cross Ambulance Paramedic John Roland talked about the need for better awareness and offered advice.

Title: Region 6 News - LIVE **Date:** 02/05/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 2:00

Issue Addressed: Crime/Law Enforcement **Reporter:** John Bloomberg

Description: Live report from Community Drug Awareness Meeting at Albert Lea High School. Purpose is to educate people on drugs "out there" in community and talk about effects they can have. Participating groups include, area schools, hospital, county services, law enforcement and members of the community.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 02/07/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 1:20

Issue Addressed: Crime/Law Enforcement **Reporter:** Carrie Vincent

Description: Information about proposed seat belt law. MN Governor Jesse Ventura proclaimed his support for the bill today in St. Paul. It would give police the right to pull cars over for failure to wear seat belts.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 02/12/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 2:00

Issue Addressed: Crime/Law Enforcement **Reporter:** Geoff Davis

Description: Meth labs are increasing problem but in Floyd County (IA) the Sheriff's Department is working with farmers and co-ops to put an end to meth making with a proposal to lock up anhydrous ammonia tanks. Dep. Brian Tiedemann & Stan Paulson of Farmers of Floyd County were interviewed.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 02/15/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 2:00

Issue Addressed: Crime/Law Enforcement **Reporter:** Lauren Cook

Description: A 15 year old boy who had been a resident at the Gerard Treatment Program in Mason City died of cardio pulmonary arrest while being restrained. The Gerard Executive Director has made a statement that they are fully cooperating with the authorities investigating the incident. However, A team from IA Protection and Advocacy Services says they were denied entry to the facility three times by the Gerard staff and threatened with arrest. Further investigation is in progress.

Title: Region 6 News - Weekend Report **Date:** 02/17/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 1:40

Issue Addressed: Community **Reporter:** Geoff Davis

Description: What was thought to be a fatal fire has now become a double homicide investigation. A 23 year old relative has been taken into custody regarding the murder of retired Austin attorney Richard Cotter and his friend.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 02/23/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:50

Issue Addressed: Crime/Law Enforcement **Reporter:** Dawn Stevens

Description: Too many criminals and not enough space is a problem in Steele County. Overcrowded conditions are so bad that some inmates actually have to sleep on the floor. Other counties in the area are having similar problems leading to increased support of a new regional facility in Steele County.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 02/23/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:50

Issue Addressed: Crime/Law Enforcement **Reporter:** John Bloomberg

Description: Stacey Benjamin Cotter was formally charged in the death of his father and his father's friend at the Mower County Courthouse in Austin. The complaint outlines the details leading to his arrest on February 17. As yet, authorities have no motive.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 02/23/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 2:05

Issue Addressed: Crime/Law Enforcement **Reporter:** Dawn Stevens

Description: A vacation scam to Branson Missouri was uncovered after a suspicious Austin resident contacted the Better Business Bureau. Even though he cancelled the trip immediately he is still fighting to get money back. The report acted as a consumer alert about Branson Star Reservations.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 03/09/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:30

Issue Addressed: Crime/Law Enforcement **Reporter:** Dawn Stevens

Description: three of the seven juveniles charged yesterday are facing more extensive charges in Mower County Court. Prosecuting Attorney Jonathan Olson said they are facing a total of 9 felony counts. He is trying to certify the boys as adults. The other four juveniles are being charged with escape with violence, conspiracy to escape and vehicle theft.

Title: Good Morning Region 6 **Date:** 03/15/01 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 1:30

Issue Addressed: Crime/Law Enforcement **Reporter:** Geoff Davis

Description: A homicide is under investigation in Mason City. The body of 81 year old Robert Crawford was found early Monday morning in an alley behind his home. Mason City Police are not commenting on motive or if they have found the murder weapon.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 03/23/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:30

Issue Addressed: Crime/Law Enforcement **Reporter:** Lauren Cook

Description: The number of burglaries in Austin and Albert Lea have increased from just a year ago. Austin Police Chief Paul Phillip advises that keeping doors locked has never been so important.

Title: Region 6 News - LIVE **Date:** 03/09/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 2:20

Issue Addressed: Crime/Law Enforcement **Reporter:** Dawn Stevens

Description: The manhunt continues for two men charged with first degree murder who escaped from the Mower County Jail Sunday morning. Sheriff Barry Simonson provided some new information that hopefully will aid in the capture of Vernon Powers and Scott Christian. A female has been apprehended on suspicion of helping in the escape by provided a getaway car and change of clothing. She is cooperating with police and show authorities places in the Twin Cities where the fugitives had been.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Cultural diversity issues are becoming increasingly important throughout the area. We see it as an emerging issue that is growing in the amount of our news coverage, community projects and programs. The growing minority population creates new opportunities and challenges in our communities. A key area of concern is the language barrier in the work place, schools, legal and medical settings. Most schools, elementary through post-secondary, now offer "English As A Second Language" programs.

The Hormel Foundation, a nonprofit philanthropic organization related to the Austin based Hormel Foods Corporation, donated \$5 million dollars to help open a cultural center and work toward resolving housing and child care needs in Austin/Mower County. This significant Hormel Foundation contribution was made in response to the formation of Apex Austin, a community based, volunteer task force. Members are assessing cultural diversity issues and oversee how donation funds are spent as they work on effective ways to respond to needs of incoming workforce and their families.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 01/05/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:30

Issue Addressed: Cultural Diversity **Reporter:** Theresa Ebreo

Description: Bob Garza, Migrant Labor rep. for the MN Workforce Center in Albert Lea helps Hispanics find jobs in our region. He says the largest employers of the Hispanics are food processing and packaging firms and added that Hispanic workers and families are bringing a lot of wealth into the local economy.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 01/15/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:30

Issue Addressed: Cultural Diversity **Reporter:** John Bloomberg

Description: The theme of this year's Martin Luther King Jr Celebration in Rochester was Remember, Act, Celebrate ...the Struggle Continues. This report covered a variety of events and keynote speaker, Dr. Calyborne Carson, a Professor of History and the Director of the King Papers at Stanford University.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 02/15/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:30

Issue Addressed: Cultural Diversity **Reporter:** Dawn Stevens

Description: Some Southland High School students believe racism is a big problem right here in Mower County and at their school. A round table discussion was held to discuss the issue and Region 6 Reporter Dawn Stevens was both a participant and the reporter for this story. Students and Superintendent Larry Tompkins were interviewed.

Title: Region 6 News - LIVE **Date:** 03/08/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 2:00

Issue Addressed: Cultural Diversity **Reporter:** Lauren Cook

Description: The Austin Public Library is the site for a discussion of Cultural Diversity and what it means to the city. Lauren Cook presented a preview of the Town Meeting event and invited viewers to attend.

Title: Good Morning Region 6 **Date:** 03/09/01 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 1:20

Issue Addressed: Cultural Diversity **Reporter:** Theresa Ebreo

Description: Some of the needs expressed at last night's Cultural Diversity Town Meeting in Austin were that kids need a place to go to relieve boredom and stay out of trouble, more Spanish speaking interpreters, and foreign language classes for law enforcement and business owners. A panel of six multi-cultural residents led the public forum held at the Austin Public Library.

Title: Good Morning Region 6 **Date:** 03/27/01 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 1:30

Issue Addressed: Cultural Diversity **Reporter:** John Bloomberg

Description: Roy Beck, an authority on immigration has written two books on the subject. He said that since 1965 the average number of new immigrants per year has quadrupled. It's totally changing communities everywhere in America. Mr. Beck was interviewed while on a visit in Albert Lea.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 03/30/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** :45

Issue Addressed: Cultural Diversity **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter

Description: Mower County officials say with the growing population and cultural diversity in the community there a need for more understanding. The Blandin Foundation is seeking 24 applicants to participate in a program to strengthen leadership and networking skills as well as reduce cultural barriers.

CULTURE AND RECREATION

A need has been expressed to maintain strong recreational and cultural programs to enhance the quality of life in our communities. A thriving, well-balanced leisure climate is an important aspect to prospective businesses and individual families considering a move into a community as well as to current residents. Current historic preservation projects and concerns about the direction of and support for historic preservation are other areas of interest in several Region 6 communities.

Locally produced public service announcements are another important way that we serve and support nonprofit organizations and school programs in the viewing area. This local connection gives Region 6 a unique edge and positive identity in the market. See attached documentation.

1st Quarter Locally Produced Public Service Announcements (PSAs) - Culture & Recreation category.

Matchbox Children's Theatre - Auditions	Length :30 seconds
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Riverland Community College Theatre - <u>Harvey</u>	Length :30 seconds
Riverland Community College Theatre - Molly Sweeny	Length :15 seconds

Title: Region 6 News - Weekend Report **Date:** 01/07/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 1:30
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** John Anderson
Description: The Freeborn County Sheriff's Department encourages snowmobilers to have fun but to obey the rules. This is the 3rd year of the Sled Patrol and they will be watching for violations.

Title: Region 6 News - Weekend Report **Date:** 01/07/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 1:00
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** John Bloomberg
Description: People in the NRHEG School District were treated to a free concert courtesy of Army National Guard of the the 34th Infantry Division Band.

Title: Region 6 News - Weekend Report **Date:** 01/14/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** :43
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** John Bloomberg
Description: Today 6th, 7th & 8th grade students from Ellis Middle School in Austin presented an art show and music concert.

Title: Region 6 News - Weekend Report **Date:** 01/21/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** :47
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** John Bloomberg
Description: The Northwestern Singers performed their annual January show in Richard Knowlton Auditorium at Austin High School. Director Les Mahla was interviewed about the nonprofit community singing group.

Title: Region 6 News - Weekend Report **Date:** 01/21/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 1:30
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** John Anderson
Description: The National Wheelchair Pool Tournament made its first stop on tour this year at the Mayo Civic Center. The event was sponsored was the Rochester Area Disabled Athletics and Recreation Association. Loretta Verbout, coordinator of the event, said the 26 players have come from across the country to participate in the tournament.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 02/06/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** :45
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Dawn Stevens
Description: The Crime Victim's Resource Center in Austin is sponsoring TOUCH, a play from the Illusion Theatre in Minneapolis about good touch and bad touch. This was the only public performance by the troupe of Austin High School actors. The play will be performed later this month for all second graders in Mower County.

Title: Region 6 News - Weekend Report **Date:** 02/10/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** :44
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** John Bloomberg
Description: The 12 Annual Big Island Historical Faire is taking place at Northbridge Mall in Albert Lea this weekend. Craftspersons from Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin sell colonial and early American items such as pottery, clothing and jewelry. There is also music and sketching from the Albert Lea Art Center.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 02/22/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** :50
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Nicole Zimmerman
Description: Rochester Civic Theatre's production of PINOCCHIO has the style of a coloring book with costumes colored in front and black and white in back.

Title: Region 6 News - Weekend Report **Date:** 02/25/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 1:00
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** John Bloomberg
Description: Amber Dolphin, the newly crowned Miss Austin 2001 was interviewed about the competition experience and his career plans as a music major at Luther College.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 02/27/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:30
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** John Bloomberg
Description: Actors from the Guthrie Theatre in Minneapolis put on a "Movement for Theatre" Workshop in Austin today. It was one of five workshops the troupe offered as part of Riverland Community College Theatre Day. They also performed their touring production of MOLLY SWEENEY. Austin is one of the stops on their 30 community tour.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 03/01/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 1:45
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Lauren Cook
Description: A Task Force working to expand the Hormel Nature Center in Austin now has \$20,000 to contribute toward purchase of adjacent land. They will also pursue Federal grants for the project which is just in the beginning stages.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 03/07/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:30
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Lauren Cook
Description: After nearly 3 years of negotiations and budget meetings the Mower County Commissioners voted to "kill" the proposed Austin Ice Arena issue. The reason given by Craig Oscarson, County Coordinator was that the price tag was too high on construction bids and projected energy costs.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 03/12/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:20
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Jessica Taff
Description: The City of Austin is moving forward on plans for a second sheet of ice for hockey and figure skating. Key City Council members say this is a project that had to move forward in a timely manner. Joel Johnson - President of Hormel Foods Corporation announced that the company's original pledge of six hundred thousand dollars plus it's 250 thousand dollar gift will stand for this ice rink project. Mayor Bonnie Rietz and Council Member At-Large Dick Chaffee commented on the project.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 03/16/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:45
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Dawn Stevens
Description: The Marching Band in Glenville has grown from 7 to over 100 high school kids in just four years. Last year they won first place at the Iowa Band Festival. They are preparing to defend that title and perform at more events. Band Director Jered Dawson talked about building this marching band program.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 03/30/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:00
Issue Addressed: Culture & Recreation **Reporter:** Carrie Vincent
Description: Students at Neveln Elementary School in Austin enjoyed an interactive concert by The New Life Band - a musical group from Tanzania Africa. According to teachers, the students learned about more than music today. The performers feel their chance to express their culture in front of these students gives them the chance to educate and entertain.

EDUCATION

Keeping abreast of issues surrounding the quality of education in Region 6 is an ongoing priority. Educators, parents and students are constantly in the process of evaluating the education process and budgets. In MN, legislation on the Profile of Learning is still a controversial issue. The presence of community college programs in Austin, Albert Lea, Mason City, Owatonna and Rochester, plus the presence of some private colleges, adds to viewer interest in the field of education. See attached documentation of related news segments.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 01/15/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 2:04
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Nicole Zimmerman
Description: Schools across the nation are experiencing a teacher shortage and rural areas are especially hard pressed to fill positions. Some Austin area educators offered their perspectives on the problems and possible solutions.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 01/18/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:30
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Nicole Zimmerman
Description: Some St. Ansgar students are building an electric car as part of an independent study project and plan to enter it in a race this May in Cedar Rapids Iowa.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 01/26/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:40
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Nicole Zimmerman
Description: High schools students and their parents need to be alert to college scholarship scams. Gary Schindler from Riverland Community College in Austin offered tips and guidelines to confirming what it legitimate.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 01/30/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:25
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Nicole Zimmerman
Description: The Rochester School Board has selected an Interim Superintendent. Jerry Williams will take over on a month to month basis until a permanent Superintendent is chosen. School Board members commented on their decision.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 01/31/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:45
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Nicole Zimmerman
Description: Cityline is a program sponsored by the Rochester Post-Bulletin that is a home to school communications device. Parents can call anytime of the day, enter a code and hear recordings from their children's teachers.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 02/02/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:15
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Carrie Vincent
Description: In addition to being Groundhog Day, February 2nd is Job Shadow Day across the country. We had our own shadow today in the Region 6 News Room, 14 year old Stephanie Oswald.

Title: Good Morning Region 6 **Date:** 02/06/01 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 1:15
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Theresa Ebreo
Description: The LeRoy School Board is working on cost cutting measures to ease the burdens caused by spiraling heating costs. One idea is to go to a four day school day next year. More immediate solutions are being examined.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 02/12/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** :55
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter
Description: Austin High School is cracking down on truancy which is a serious problem especially among 9th grade students. Joe Brown, AHS Principal talked about the measures being taken to address the problem.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 02/12/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** :55
Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter
Description: February is I Love to Read Month and Region 6 Meteorologist was invited to read to second grade students at Southland Elementary. The book they chose for him to read was "Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs".

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 02/23/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:15

Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Nicole Zimmerman

Description: The gifted and talented program isn't just for smart kids anymore, it's for all the children in the Rochester Public School system. Some teachers talked about the positive impact they see with students.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 02/23/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:40

Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Geoff Davis

Description: The Child Development class at Hayfield High School are learning some valuable life lessons by wearing a specially designed 35 pound pregnancy suit. The teacher and some students commented on the experience.

Title: Region 6 News - Weekend Report **Date:** 03/10/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 1:40

Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** Lauren Cook

Description: MN Legislators gathered at a rally today at in Rochester. Parents and teachers gathered to get some answers and let them know that they are not happy about proposed funding cuts for education.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 03/20/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:30

Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** John Bloomberg

Description: The Glenville-Emmons School Board is working on spending cuts and ways to operate the District more efficiently. Major changes will begin next year including cutting two Principals and other restructuring.

Title: Region 6 News - Weekend Report **Date:** 03/24/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 1:44

Issue Addressed: Education **Reporter:** John Anderson

Description: The 6th Annual Young Women's Conference was held in Rochester. Girls in 6th thru 12th grade participated in empowerment and learning sessions including; dating, relationships, diversity and imagery of women.

HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES

Concern regarding safety and good health care, including physical and mental health, awareness of health programs and safety issues continues to be a priority. The world famous Mayo Clinic in Rochester Minnesota is located within our viewing area. The influence of Mayo Health Care systems adds to the emphasis on health related reporting for Region 6 in areas of research, medical care and preventative measures. As part of our effort to respond to viewer interest about medical news, health and fitness we air a regular feature entitled "HealthWise" every weeknight during the 10 PM edition of Region 6 News. It is a combination of syndicated and locally produced health reports. HealthWise reports also air on a area radio station to reinforce our focus on health issues. See attached documentation of related news segments.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 01/15/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:00

Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter

Description: Author Jean Kilbourne spoke to a packed house at the Mayo Clinic Auditorium. A key part of her message was that both the community and parents can take steps to prevent children from developing addictions to alcohol and cigarettes.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 01/18/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 1:30

Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** John Bloomberg

Description: The Executive Director of the Mason City YMCA showed off their new YMCA and Rehabilitation Center. It is a joint project with Mercy Medical Center - North IA. Physical therapy and other rehabilitation programs will be available in addition to YMCA programs and activities.

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Title: Good Morning Region 6 **Date:** 02/01/01 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 1:10

Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Theresa Ebreo

Description: The new C-T Scanner is a huge improvement for the Radiology Department at the Mitchell County Regional Health Center in Osage IA.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 02/20/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:51

Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Theresa Ebreo

Description: Students at Austin High School reacted a proposal to remove soda pop vending machines from schools. The idea was presented due to amount of sugar in pop and the negative health impact on teens.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 02/13/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:10
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Carrie Vincent
Description: A Mayo Clinic study found that severely addicted smokers may best be treated with in-patient therapy.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 02/14/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:30
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Geoff Davis
Description: A Mayo Clinic survey shows that 70% of Olmsted County adults would rather dine in a smoke free establishment. One smoke-free Rochester restaurant owner says that feedback from his customers supports the survey. Other cities are looking at the issue. Right now Austin has just one smoke free restaurant.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 03/19/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 2:20
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Geoff Davis
Description: A Dietician from Mayo Medical Center in Austin talked about health concerns for people who are overweight and healthy ways to lose weight. Studies indicated close to 55% of Americans are overweight. She talked about some options for exercise programs.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 03/30/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:30
Issue Addressed: Health & Safety **Reporter:** Geoff Davis
Description: Nursing Homes across MN are in desperate need of funding. Today state officials held a public forum at St. Marks Lutheran Home in Austin to discuss what the state legislature is doing regarding long term health care.

POLITICS & GOVERNMENT

Political issues and their impact locally, nationally and world wide are of concern to Region 6 viewers. Issues and work of city and county government often lead the news. The first term of MN Governor Jesse Ventura continues to attract significant media attention. Iowa also has a first term Governor in office, Tom Vilsack. See attached documentation of related news segments.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 01/03/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 1:10
Issue Addressed: Politics & Government **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter
Description: MN Governor Jesse Ventura now has an ally in the legislature. State Senator Bob Lessard will join the Independence Party.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 01/19/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** 1:40
Issue Addressed: Politics & Government **Reporter:** John Bloomberg
Description: The Children's Internet Protection Act is designed to block materials deemed harmful to minors. Chris McArdle, Austin Library Director and Representative Gil Gutknecht commented on the bill which passed in December.

Title: Good Morning Region 6 **Date:** 01/19/01 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** :55
Issue Addressed: Politics & Government **Reporter:** Theresa Ebreo
Description: Austin Mayor Bonnie Rietz presented her annual State of the City Address last night at City Hall. She pointed to successes over the past year noted that it was the biggest year ever for construction permits.

Title: Region 6 News - Weekend Report **Date:** 02/03/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 1:30
Issue Addressed: Politics & Government **Reporter:** John Anderson
Description: The Mower County Board members wanted to make sure that issues affecting Southern MN will not fall on deaf ears in St. Paul. Today State Senator Grace Scwab and Representative Rob Leighton. Met at the Mower County Courthouse to hear what local officials have to say.

Title: Good Morning Region 6 **Date:** 02/06/01 **Time:** 6 AM **Length:** 1:30
Issue Addressed: Politics & Government **Reporter:** Geoff Davis
Description: According to the Albert Lea Port Authority Freeborn County is one of the heaviest taxed counties in MN. Representative Dan Dorman is attempting to get legislation passed to allow tax relief for local businesses.

Title: Region 6 News - Weekend Report **Date:** 02/17/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 1:37
Issue Addressed: Politics & Government **Reporter:** Dawn Stevens
Description: An Eggs & Issues forum was held in Rochester today gave more than 120 citizens a chance to meet and interact with elected state officials. Representative Fran Bradley and Senator Sheila Kiscaden attended.

Title: Region 6 News - Weekend Report **Date:** 02/24/01 **Time:** 10 PM **Length:** 1:27
Issue Addressed: Politics & Government **Reporter:** Dawn Stevens
Description: The Austin Chamber of Commerce planned today's Eggs & Issues forum for Mower County citizens. Legislative representatives listened to concerns about education, taxes and other issues.

Title: Region 6 News **Date:** 03/19/01 **Time:** 6 PM **Length:** :55
Issue Addressed: Politics & Government **Reporter:** Dan Ruiter
Description: State Representative Rob Leighton is calling for major reforms of the state health care system.